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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **March 30 – April 13**.

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COCA News and Announcements

Recent COCA Calls:

Experiences of CDC and Emory Healthcare in Managing Persons Under Investigation for Ebola

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_033115.asp

Archived COCA conference calls are available at emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp.

Free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp

CDC Emergency Response – CDC Response to 2014 Ebola in the United States and West Africa

NEW: Interim Guidance for Cruise Ships: Managing a Suspected Case of Ebola Onboard

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/maritime/cruise-ships.html

NEW: Ebola: Getting to Zero (Video)

www.cdc.gov/media/dpk/2015/dpk-getting-to-zero.html

NEW: Stories From the Field: Infection Prevention & Control - Sierra Leone

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/stories-angela-dunn.html

Updated: Case Counts

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/case-counts.html

CDC News and Announcements

CDC Science Clips: Volume 7, Issue: 14 – (CDC)

Each week select science clips are shared with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.

www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/

Public Health Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)

Find preparedness resources for all hazards.

emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp

Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)

Find online and in-person training resources at

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp

Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

Food and Water Needs: Preparing for a Disaster or Emergency – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp

Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

MMWR publications are prepared by CDC. To electronically subscribe, go to

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- [Importation and Domestic Transmission of *Shigella sonnei* Resistant to Ciprofloxacin — United States, May 2014–February 2015](#)
- [Ebola Virus Disease in a Humanitarian Aid Worker — New York City, October 2014](#)
- [Announcements: National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day — April 10, 2015](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

Seasonal Influenza

What You Should Know for the 2014-2015 Influenza Season

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2014-2015.htm>

Information for Health Professionals

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm>

Weekly Flu View – April 9 (CDC)

Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC's Influenza Division. All data are preliminary and may change as CDC receives more reports.

www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Planning and Preparedness: Health Professionals and Seasonal Flu – (HHS)

Healthcare providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist healthcare providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – April 9 (U.S. Department of State)

The U.S. Department of State issues Travel Warnings when long-term, protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable. Travel Warnings recommend that Americans avoid or carefully consider the risk of travel to that country. The State Department also issues Travel Warnings when the U.S. government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of State Department staff.

travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html

Food, Drug, and Device Safety

NEW: Baxter Initiates Voluntary Recall of Select Lots of IV Solutions Due to the Potential Presence of Particulate Matter – (FDA)

Baxter International Inc. announced today it is voluntarily recalling select lots of intravenous (IV) solutions to the hospital/user level due to the potential presence of particulate matter.

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm442074.htm>

Update: FDA Investigates Listeria monocytogenes in Ice Cream Products from Blue Bell Creameries – (FDA)

Blue Bell Creameries has reported that on April 4, 2015, the firm began working with retail outlets to remove all products produced in Broken Arrow, Okla., from their service area. CDC has recommended that consumers do not eat any Blue Bell brand products made at the Blue Bell Creameries' Broken Arrow, Okla., production facility and that retailers and institutions do not sell or serve them.

www.fda.gov/Food/RecallsOutbreaksEmergencies/Outbreaks/ucm438104.htm

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)

MedWatch is your Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.

www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm

FoodSafety.gov: Reports of FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting, and Resources – (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)

Foodsafety.gov lists notices of recalls and alerts from both FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.

www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html

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[Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication Training](#) – training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication

[Health Alert Network](#) – CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, and local public health practitioners; clinicians; and public health laboratories



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